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1847-1850

15-19 W. Montgomery St. (South side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

All three of these brick houses were originally built as two story plus attic, two bay wide houses with low-pitched gable roofs, by Frederick Cook, Sr., a butcher who lived at the corner of Montgomery and Charles Streets. 15-17 W. Montgomery St. still retains its original exterior form and is notable for the bull's-eye door and window lintels used on the facade, even over the attic story windows. 19 W. Montgomery St. was enlarged after the Civil War and now is a full three stories in height with shed roof and bracketed cornice. The houses are currently unoccupied, but have recently been sold by the city to private owners who hopefully will soon renovate them.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

19 W. Montgomery St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

—OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

—PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER: restoration contemplated

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, two bay brick house with shed roof represents an enlargement of the original gable-roofed house built on this site in the late 1840's.

The house is three stories in height, 15' wide, and occupies a lot 82' deep. The main house is one room deep with a three story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high rear addition. The house is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a wooden cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of carved modillions set above a row of deep, cut-work scallops. Two carved end brackets frame and support the cornice. There is a single rectangular chimney located along the west side of the house.

The first floor door and window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels but the second floor openings currently have common arch lintels and the third floor openings have no lintels. All of the sills are wood. All of the window openings are currently boarded. There is a six panel door set beneath a two-light transom. The house sits on a fairly high basement, the entrance at one time being reached by three marble steps, which are now in disrepair. A rectangular basement opening is located to the right of the steps.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES orig.c. 1847-50/enl. c.1868 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Frederick Cook, Sr.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is representative of a large group of three story, gable-roofed houses built in the 1840's and 1850's with gable roofs and simple brick cornices, but which were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Victorian style, with the front roof gable being rebuilt as a shed roof and a modern, bracketed cornice added. The house was originally built by Frederick Cook, Sr. who also built the neighboring houses at 15-17 W. Montgomery St. (See under 15-17 W. Montgomery St.) The house was originally rented to a variety of tenants but after Cook's death his daughter sold the house to a Valentine Shea, a miller, who lived here in 1867.¹ In 1868 George Kurtz, a carpenter, bought the house and it was probably he who enlarged and remodeled it.²

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber AM 317, Folio 224; Baltimore City Directory, 1867

²Ibid., GR 382, Folio 205; B.C.D., 1868-69

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

STREET & NUMBER

5/79
TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Ruxton

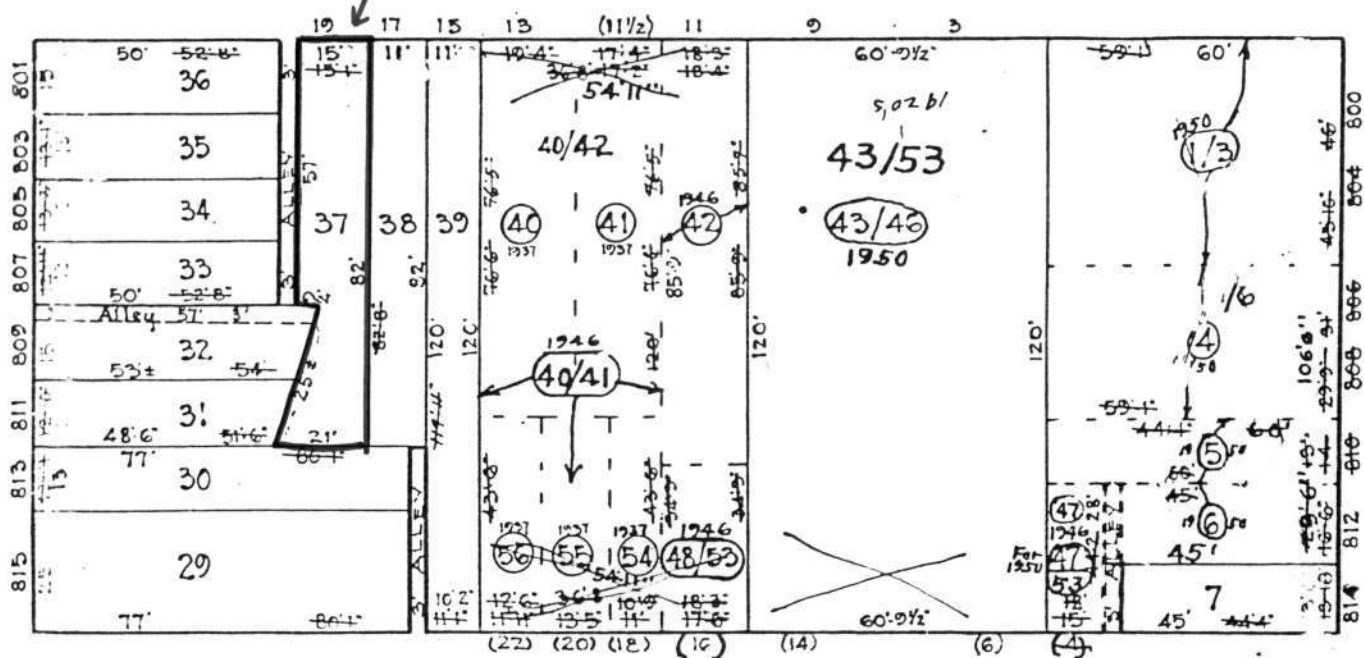
Maryland 21204

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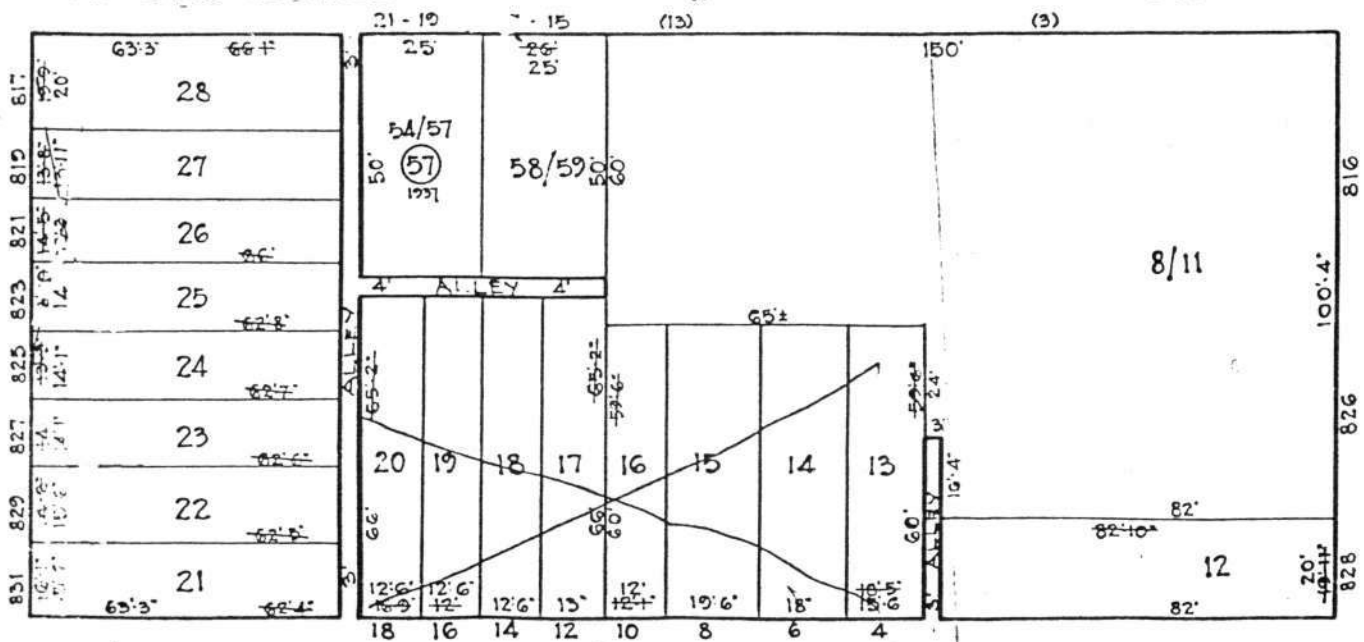


ST.

66'

W. CHURCHILL

ST.



S. CHARLES

W. HENRIETTA

56.

ST.

B-3072
19 W. Montgomery Street
Block 0904 Lots 037
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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19 W. Montgomery St.

M.E.H.

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North elevation